March 22, 2006

Graduate Representatives
Ph.D. Departments

Re: *President's Dissertation-Year Fellowships*

Dear Colleagues:

This is the annual call for nominations for the President's Dissertation-Year Fellowship. The Graduate Council awards these fellowships based on the academic achievement of the nominees, their potential for success in academia, and the extent the recipients contribute to the diversity of the pool of doctoral degree recipients.

This fellowship provides a stipend of $21,000 plus payment of all registration fees for the academic year. Partial-year awards are not permitted. To qualify, your nominee must be a US citizen or a permanent resident and must be in a position to complete the dissertation by the end of the 2006-2007 academic year. Attached are the nomination form and the current eligibility and nomination guidelines. At least four fellowships will be awarded.

All students interested in being nominated for this award should submit the following material to their Department Chair or Graduate Representative:

1. Letter of application for the award describing the current status of dissertation research, with a detailed timetable for completion by June 2007;

2. Letter of support from the faculty advisor evaluating the student's academic work to date.

Departments should then select and submit only one nominee, using the nomination form and also submitting the student's nomination material. The deadline for nominations is *May 8, 2006.* Please have your nominations in by then so as to allow time for Graduate Council deliberations.

I would like to stress the importance of nominating students who will complete the degree by June 2007. I realize that it is difficult to predict the completion date, but thus far, we have had very few fellowship recipients actually complete the degree in the stated timeframe. While most finish within two years of the award, there have been a few students who have taken longer than two years to complete the degree.

Please direct any questions you might have to Bob Hastings (bobhast@ucsc).

Sincerely,

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